

10 Tips to Help You Find A Medicare Part D Drug Plan

Here are 10 tips to assist you with finding a Medicare Part D drug plan online.

1. Go to **www.medicare.gov**.
2. Click on **Compare Medicare Prescription Drug Plans**.
3. Click on the arrow next to **Find a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan**.
4. Click on **General Plan Search**. Type in your zip code and answer the questions about any current drug coverage you may now have and whether you qualify for any financial assistance. Then click on the **Continue** button.
5. Choose a drug plan type. You can choose the Medicare Prescription Drug Plans, or you can search the Medicare Advantage managed care plans.
6. The next page will show several dozen plans available in our area. It is not necessary to review each one at this point.
7. Type in your medications one at a time. Add each drug until you have completed your list of medications. If you don't know the correct name of a drug, you can click on the **Search for Drugs by First Letter** button. Once you have entered all your drugs, click on **Continue With Selected Drugs**. You can then add your dosage, or click on **Continue With Common Dosage**.
8. Either select a Preferred Pharmacy or continue to **Plan List**.
9. You will see the top five plans based on your out-of-pocket costs. Place a check mark next to three of the five plans and click on **Compare Plans**. This will compare the top three plans on one page. Be sure to review the data completely.
10. You can either enroll online or contact the plan for their enrollment kit. If you have questions after contacting the plan, call Medicare at **1-800-633-4227 (TTY 1-877-486-2048)**, or VICAP at 703-324-5851 (TTY 703-449-1186). Your call will be answered in the order in which it is received. Please note that there are no drug plan penalties until after May 15, 2006, and your choice can be changed the following November.